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1. German Patent Application No. DE 197 00 967 A 1. An English-language translation is enclosed.

2. European Patent Application No. EP 1 085 149 A2. An English-language abstract is enclosed.

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